(HFC) and Ramagundam and Talcher units of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) as per the Cabinet decision in principle in April, 1995;

(b) whether the above submission and the earlier Cabinet decision has been over-ruled;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) if not, how a decision has been taken to suspend production/operations at Durgapur and Barauni?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The revival packages for Barauni, Durgapur and Namrups units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC); and Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) were approved by the Government in April 1995 with the stipulation that the fresh investment required be raised from healthy fertiliser cooperatives/financial institutions. These packages could not be implemented in the absence of tie up of funding arrangements. The revival packages were, thereafter, reformulated from the standpoint of funding by Financial Institutions in the light of the report of an expert Group led by Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India. Ltd. (ICICI). These packages envisaged a fresh investment of Rs. 3507 crore on the revamp of the Namrup, Durgapur and Barauni units of HFC; and Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher units of FCI. Further reliefs and concessions, including write off of Government loans and accrued interest to the tune of Rs. 5006 crore were contemplated to make these packages viable.

The revival pakage in respect of the Namrup units of HFC has been approved by the Government on 1.10.97. The eventual decision in respect of the remaining functional units of HFC & FCI, which will be subject to the approval of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, would, *inter-alia*, take into account the considerations of unitwise viability and tie-up of the funding arrangements.

(d) The production operations at Durgapur unit of HFC have temporarily been suspended by the Management of the company on account of frequent equipment problems, the resolution of which would necessitate a substantial capital investment. The technical constraints in the way of resumption of production in the Barauni unit are being addressed.

रेलवे स्टेशनों पर विक्रेताओं का चयन

*46. **श्री राम देव भंडारी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रेलवे स्टेशनों पर विक्रेताओं की नियुक्ति चयन संबंधी प्रक्रिया का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या नियुक्ति के संबंध मे स्थानीय लोगों को प्राथमिकता दी जाती है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) वेंडरों के पदों के लिए सीधी नियुक्ति नहीं की जा रही है। केवल कमीशन के आधार पर पहले से कार्यरत बैरों/वेंडरों के संबंध में स्थायी आधार पर बैरों/वेंडरों के रूप में नियुक्ति के लिए विचार किया जाता है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Dealerships/Distributorships for Women in Oil Products

*47. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reserve 30 per cent of all dealerships and distributorships of oil products for women;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are aware that most of the dealerships and